

Adventure ⑨ Welcome to Striaton City!!







I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SUCH A DREAM-QUIET!

I KNOW YOU LIKE TO TAKE THINGS AT YOUR OWN PACE, BUT...



YES, YOU DID. LET'S MOVE ON, BIANCA.

CHEREN! I'LOST! WAHHH...



WE HAVE TO WARN HIM TO TAKE EXTRA GOOD CARE OF HIS POKÉDEX—BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY ONE THAT'S STILL WORKING.

COME ON! WE HAVE TO CATCH UP TO BLACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



CHEREN, LOOK!

OH!

BUT YOU KEEP GETTING SIDE-TRACKED! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO STOP AND BATTLE EVERY WE POKÉMON WE RUN INTO! WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO!



WE'VE REACHED STRATON CITY. LET'S GO! HURRY UP!





OH! HE'S
HAVING
TEA WITH
A GIRL!

THERE'S
BLACK!



I
DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT,
BLA-
CA!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE HIM!
HE'S ON A
DATE!
HE HASN'T THE
FOGGIEST
IDEA HOW
MUCH
TROUBLE WE
TOOK TO FIND
HIM!



A
DATE
TO
ME!

DOESN'T
LOOK
LIKE...



WELL-
COME!



DON'T BE
FOLLOU-
LOUS!
WE'VE GOT
TO TALK TO
BLACK!

WHO IS
THAT
GIRL, ANY-
WAY?
LET'S
FOLLOW
HER,
CHEREN!



THE
FULL-
COURSE
MEALS
ARE—

OUR
SPECIALTY
IS A RANGE
OF DISHES
ESPECIALLY
TAILORED TO
THE DISCRIM-
INATING
POKÉMON
TRAINERS
TASTE.



OH?

WE'RE
JUST
HERE TO
SEE A
FRIEND.

NO
THANKS.

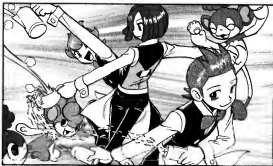


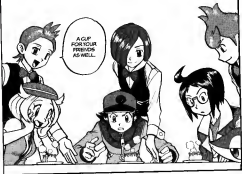
LONG
TIME
NO
SEE!

HEY!
CHEREN!
BIANCA!















THE
TRIPLE
LEADERS!!

THEY'RE
TRIP-
LETS
!!



I'VE BEEN
RESEARCH-
ING ALL
THE GYMS
FOR AGES,
YOU KNOW.

THAT'S
THE TWIST
AT THE
STRATON
GYM.



CHOOSING THE
POKEMON TYPE
THAT GIVES YOU AN
ADVANTAGE OVER
YOUR OPPONENT'S
POKEMON TYPE IS
THE FIRST STEP TO
VICTORY!



THAT'S
VERY
IMPORTANT.

CHOOSE THE
TYPE OF
POKEMON
FOR YOUR
GYM BATTLE
CAREFULLY.



I SUPPOSE
YOU KNOW
HOW TO GET
PAST THE
APPETIZER
BEFORE YOU
FIGHT US
THEY'LL

YOU
CERTAINLY
HAVE
DONE
YOUR
HOME-
WORK!



BLEEP



WHAT IF YOU GET ME DISQUALIFIED FOR LETTING SOMEONE ELSE SOLVE THE PUZZLE FOR ME?

THIS IS MY GYM BATTLE!

WELL, FIRE EVAPORATES WATER, SO I THOUGHT A FIRE-TYPE WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OVER—

WHY DID YOU DO THAT, BAN-CA!

NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING??

OOPS!

BAN-CA!

UHH... AT LEAST IT'S THE CORRECT ANSWER!

WOOHOO!







THE MORNING
WE WERE GOING
TO RECEIVE OUR
PONDÉREX, YOU
RUSHED AHEAD
AND OPENED THE
BOX WITHOUT US.
REMEMBER?



OHAY.
CLEARLY
BRANCA IS
AT LEAST
PARTIALLY AT
FAULT HERE...
BUT DON'T
YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY TO US
AS WELL...?



THEY
BRONE!
BOTH OF
THEM
AND WE'RE
STILL
WAITING
FOR THEM
TO GET
REFUELED.



AND WHAT DO
YOU THINK
HAPPENED TO
THE OTHER TWO
PONDÉREXES
THAT GOT
CRASHED IN
THE CHAOS
THAT
ENSUED...?

AND THAT'S
HOW PRO-
FESSOR
JUNPER'S
LABORATORY
GOT
TRASHED...



TO TOP IT OFF,
YOU DIDN'T
EVEN THANK
PROFESSOR
JUNPER FOR
GIVING YOU THIS
OPPORTUNITY!
AND THEN YOU
TOOK OFF
WITHOUT SAYING
GOODBYE TO
ANY OF US!

YOU WEREN'T THE
ONLY ONE LOOKING
FORWARD TO
SETTING OUT ON
YOUR JOURNEY WITH
YOUR PONDÉREX!
BUT THANKS TO YOU,
WE WEREN'T ABLE
TO START ON TIME!



ER...

ER...



YOU
NEED
TO CON-
SIDER
THE FEEL-
INGS
OF THE
PEOPLE
AROUND
YOU TOO!

BUT...

I REALIZE YOU
WERE REALLY
EXCITED THAT
YOUR DREAM
WAS FINALLY
COMING TRUE
AFTER NINE
LONG YEARS...

AND I'M
GLAD
YOU'RE
ENJOYING
YOUR JOUR-
NEY...



WE CAME
AFTER YOU
TO PASS
ON HER
MESSAGE.

PROFESSOR
JUNPER
ASKED US TO
WARN YOU
TO BE VERY
CAREFUL
WITH IT.

YOUR POKÉDEX
IS THE ONLY
ONE THAT'S
FUNCTIONING
PROPERLY.



...YOU
ARE
HEREBY
DIS-
QUALI-
FIED!

BECAUSE
SOMEONE
OTHER
THAN THE
CHALLENGER
PARTICIPATED
IN THE TEST...

DMS
DMS!
DMS
DMS!









THE GYM LEADERS ARE
WAITING FOR
US TO REACH
THEM.
WE'LL GO
TOGETHER.

OKAY
LET'S
GO!

Ding
ding
ding !!!

THE
PIN-
SWITCH IS...

GRASS!

SLOMP

STOP
ON
THE
BUTTON.

BRACCA!
YOU
KNOW
THE
ANSWER.
HOLD
DON'T
TOUP!

OKAY!

FW-FWOOP...





...WHO USE
GRASS-
TYPE,
WATER-
TYPE AND
FIRE-TYPE
POKE-
MON!!



TRIPLET GYM
LEADERS...

I'M
BAN-
CA!

ROBERTO

GUERREIRO

AND
WHAT
ARE
YOUR
NAMES?



TIME FOR
THE MAIN
COURSE.
A THREE
AGAINST
THREE GYM
BATTLE!!

LET'S
BEGIN
!!

